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Mr. Steve Holderby
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RE: Colbert Landfill and Closure Requirements

Dear Steve:

I am writing you this letter to remind you of the recently expired November 27, 1989 deadline for compliance with Chapter 173-304 WAC, the Minimum Functional Standards (MFS) for Solid Waste Handling. As you know, the Colbert Landfill is no longer accepting waste, and will need to comply with WAC 173-304. General closure requirements for the Colbert Landfill includes, but is not limited to: site grading, a low permeability cap, final cover, site revegetation, landfill gas control, and ground water monitoring.

The Colbert Landfill Scope of Work, Appendix B to the Consent Decree, also requires that the landfill be closed to meet the goals and objectives of the MFS. Both the Scope of Work and the MFS requirements allow for Spokane County to appeal to the Spokane County Health District for a variance to these requirements. At this point in time, my opinion is that a time variance (delay) is all that is needed.

Please keep me and Claude Sappington (Ecology's Spokane office) informed of your discussions with the County utilities staff regarding closure of the Colbert Landfill. We may need to meet in the near future to discuss a strategy for compliance with the MFS at the Colbert Landfill.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a future meeting date, please give me a call at (206)438-3043 or SCAN 585-3043. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Mike Blum

Mike Blum, Colbert Landfill Project
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